



Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Members in Attendance: Father Peter Joyce, Josh Barnes, Georgette Costello, George Dudzek, Chris George, Anita McMahon, Jacquie Olansen, Tim O'Shea, Marie Zelinski

Opening Prayer: Jacquie Olansen

Pastoral Council Facilitator: Father Pete

Approval of Minutes: George Dudzek made a motion to approve the minutes with the typo corrections and Georgette Costello seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Introduction of new members: Father Pete introduced the new student members to the Parish Council. They are Josh Barnes, Chris George and Mary Grace Jamison. Welcome.

Old Business:

- **Capital Campaign for the Parish/Community Center:** The campaign redemption is up to date.
- **Project Update:** Father Pete is planning to send a letter to participating parishioners in the capital campaign which will provide greater details of the center including renderings.
- **Railing in the Sanctuary:** To date nothing has been done.
- **Mission:** On September 29/30 at St. Casimir and October 6/7 at COTR, parishioners will assess and provide their own input into the various objectives set forth for the parish by the mission teams.
- **Convocation of Catholic Leaders:** Approximately 650 Catholic leaders will assemble in Atlantic City March 25 – 28, 2019 to listen to many prominent speakers from around the country. The purpose of this convocation is to strengthen parishes with laity taking an ownership of parish life. More information will be forthcoming.
- **Sunset cruise:** Father Pete will contact Jodi George as to details for the cruise.
- **Volunteer Appreciation:** Volunteers are invited to attend an open house at Sketties on October 7 from 1 – 3 p.m. in appreciation for their service.

- **Top Golf:** Jacquie has not received responses to her requests for information. She will continue to pursue this matter.
- **Staffing:** Helen Schoedler has been hired full time for the position vacated by Linda O’Gorman. Responsibilities include social media (bulletin, face book, webpage), receptionist/administrative, and scheduling and marketing elements for the new parish center.

New Business:

- **Food Pantry:** The Food Pantry is being completely renovated. It will be closed until September 26.

Information:

- Catechetical Sunday – September 16 @ 9:30 Mass
- Anointing Mass – October 21 @ 2p.m. sponsored by Parish Nurses Ministry
- Celebrate the Universe, James Mullaney – October 28 @ 6p.m.
- All Saints’ Day – November 1
- All Souls’ Day – November 2
- RCIA – Begins September 25
- PREP – Begins September 26

Community thoughts:

- A discussion ensued regarding the handling of clerical abuse within the Catholic Church. Father Pete provided important information into prior procedures. It was recommended that there be more transparency into how the situation is and was handled in the past; information regarding the diocesan review board; having group meetings to discuss the matter and address questions; and how to talk to children about abuse.
- It was suggested that the pavilion be moved to Bishop McHugh School when construction of the parish center commences as they have a large area of open land.

Final Thoughts: Interesting; good information; positive; welcome to the young men; thank you for your transparency; lots of new information; momentum continuing with parish mission; everything explained clearly, thoroughly; covered lots of important topics; very refreshing, constructive conclusions together to foster change and transparency.

Action Items:

- **Sunset cruise:** Father Pete
- **Top Golf:** Jacquie Olansen
- **Drop box/Sarah:** Father Pete

- ***Railing:*** Father Pete

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 11, 2018 @ 7p.m. in the Extension – **OPEN MEETING, if Finance Council and Parish Center Reps are available.**

Prayer: George Dudzek

Refreshments: Jacquie Olansen

Final Prayer: Father Pete

Discernment: Following the final prayer, those individuals wishing to become candidates for the parish council were interviewed. The council then met to discuss and select the new members.